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To: The Honorable Judge Pamela K. Chen, U.S.D.J.  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Via: ECF

Date: Dec 9, 2021

Re: Richard K. Lai - 17-CR-224

Dear Judge Chen:

I am making a request on my own behalf to request travel to the Republic of Palau. I am doing so because at this time I am not being represented and time is of the essence. I had made the flight plans ahead of schedule months ago and I am locked into [December 12, 2021](#) departure date. In the past you have approved this request based on my continued adherence to my release conditions. I have not violated any conditions and I have fulfilled most of my obligations. I will continue to follow this Court's orders. I have made this request every year, but every year I have had to seek approval from the Pretrial Services Office, consent from the U.A. Attorney's Office, and an order from this Honorable Court.

This request is to seek an ongoing order from you to be able to travel to the Republic of Palau with the only condition that I get Pretrial Services' prior approval. I want to be able to retrieve my passport, travel, and then return it as soon as I get back without having to seek an order every time.

I understand that the USAO EDNY has consented to this modification to my release conditions. And I believe I have shown this Court that I am not a risk of flight as I still have real property securing my release.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Richard K. Lai', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right and a small dot at the end.

RICHARD K. LAI